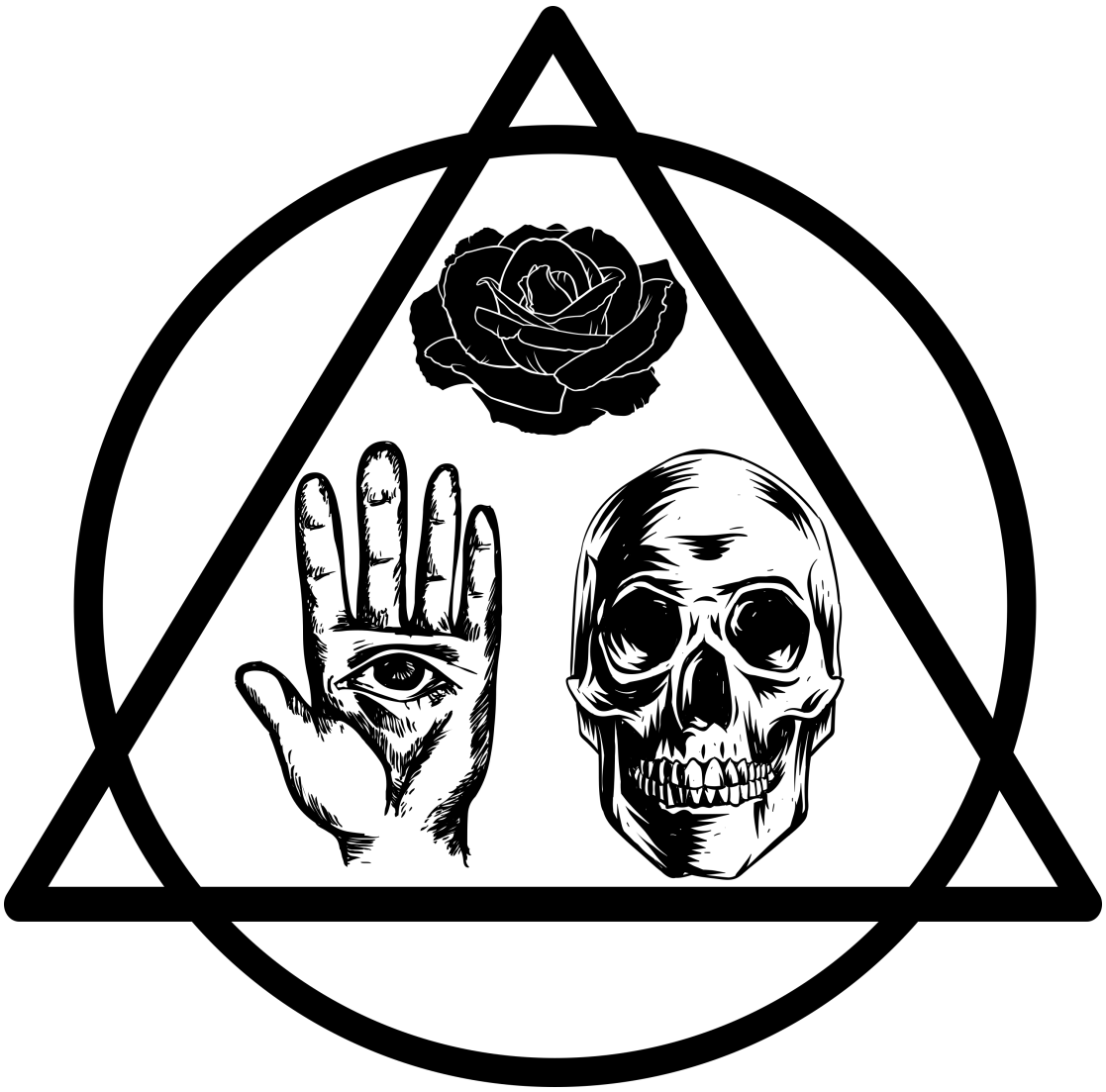

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Capital Letter:

Spying by Mind-Reading!

By RUTH MONTGOMERY

WASHINGTON: The Army Intelligence Service is beginning to delve into an unknown reach of the mind which — should it eventually prove successful — could make spying the least hazardous branch of defense.

A number of top intelligence agents are conducting research experiments in mental telepathy, a fascinating phase of extra sensory perception.

The project receives expert guidance within the department, but many of the officers have become so fascinated by the possibilities that they have formed groups, outside of office hours, to try reading each other's minds.

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Some of the experiments to date have proved enormously successful,

Who at the turn of the century thought that by turning a dial in his living room, he could hear a symphony concert in New York, or a news commentator speaking from Tokyo?

Only 20 years ago, would you have believed it possible to sprawl on your own couch, while watching a ball game in St. Louis, or a political convention in Los Angeles? For that matter, did you think man could send a monkey into orbit around the earth or moon?

This age is surely the most fascinating that the world has ever known, but perhaps the most neglected phase of science is the probing of the subconscious mind, and the possibilities of thought transmission.

Military intelligence for some time has been delving into the possible utilization of hypnosis in spying. — This correspondent reported several years ago that intelligence agents were being sent on delicate missions; then brought back and queried in the normal man-

I hope that none of this comes across as smug, preachy, superior, or off-putting -- it's just something that's helped me a lot and I think it's worth sharing. I feel that I ought to take the time and effort to organize and edit my thoughts in a way that I'd like to read them but if it manifests in unnecessary linguistic flourishes then please ignore my enthusiasm. Similarly, if I give off the impression of absolute certainty or faultless expertise then I'm clearly saying it wrong. Also, I know I'm going to make some other, mistakes, along; the, way, so just bare with me.

Regarding the subject matter, it's a mix of pragmatism, research, and direct, hands-on experience. To the best of my knowledge and intent everything is as accurate and complete as I can make it.

In the same spirit I must mention that parts of what I'll be discussing may not be entirely original. Although I'll try to give proper credit wherever possible, what may seem like "echoes" of other ideas and methods may just be full-on imports. Wherever there's a grey area I encourage you to add your own footnotes.

I'm decidedly more certain that what I'll be writing about is not for everybody. It's genuinely not my intention to exclude anyone, I'm simply stating what I believe to be a fact; if it should prove to be false then I imagine that I'll be quite happy to be corrected. Nevertheless, if even a fraction of the information reaches the presumably tiny number of those who qualify (see below) then I'll consider this to be worthwhile.

There are a couple of thibgs to mention before I start:

First, affinity is an absolute must. Enthusiasm is even better. Whether factual, fictional, fantasy, or fashion, if the idea of psi abilities, psychic secret agents, and transmundane missions does nothing for you then this is probably where we should part ways. Of course you're welcome to keep reading but I think it'll be a distraction from your true calling, maybe even a disastrous one.

On this note I should also warn that this is not a trifling path.

I’ve experienced people who have been traumatized, assuming that this way is all mild and gentle, or worse, just a bit of make-believe. Some of the m.o. may be subtle but it produces some very unsubtle effects that sometimes freak people out. They can freak out the people around them too.

At the same time, life becomes exciting and mysterious and sexy and just a little bit dangerous. Occassionally it can get downright unbelievable, the kind of stuff you might want to write a cryptic memoir about some day. I can’t make you any promises or guarantees but, personally, I’ll take the current option over the one I was “living” any day.

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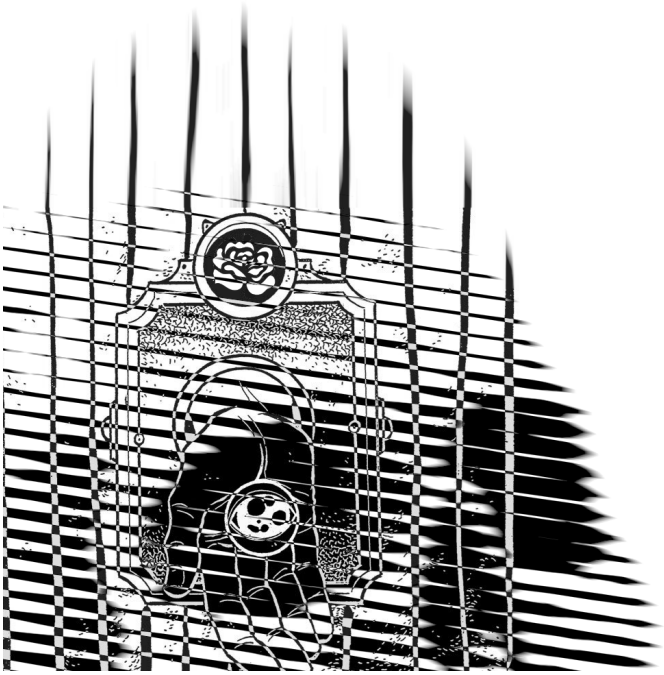
THINGS I DIDN'T ENJOY



For years I'd been on a downward trajectory. Financially, physically, socially, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually – every aspect kept going from desperate to somehow even worse. By spring of 2019 I was in deep. I was running low on food, out of ideas, jobless and without prospects, penniless, high in despair, and very low on hope.

I was just barely squeaking by, taking one horrible day at a time. Then a loved one close to me died, then Covid hit (and I got it bad), then I got kidney stones (also bad), then eviction notices, and blah blah blah.

I'm only scratching the surface of my problems at the time and in retrospect my reactions were perfectly justified: I slept poorly, I ate poorly,

I ground my teeth enough to lose all my fillings, my anxiety and blood pressure went through the roof, and other stuff. Overall, things just really sucked.

I know, there's always someone worse off and I don't want to dwell on that time too much except to stress that at the tail end I was despondent and open to pretty much anything. I entertained no idle daydreams or fantasies. I honestly don't even think I was capable of imagining what would eventually find me.

During that time I was reading a copy of Philip K. Dick's "Exegesis" that I'd managed to pick up for an auspiciously deep discount. Long story short, the darned thing circuitously put me touch with "the organization" and, by extension, some hitherto untapped abilities. The process wasn't immediate but when I finally requested help I was completely unprepared for the impact and immediacy of the org's response. The sudden and nearly complete transformation of my life was shocking, unsettling, and overwhelming all at the same time. It wasn't a dramatic helicopter extraction from an exploding highrise rooftop but it wasn't far off the mark.

It took me a few months to reset from the upheaval, all the while facing a new, revised reality. I couldn't deny it, not an option. Accepting it was another matter but eventually I got around to that too.

That's how it started and I'm pleased to say that life has been intriguing and piquant ever since. Of course that doesn't mean that everything's perfect because where would the fun be in that? But training can help to soften the

blows and besides, working with the org is deeply rewarding in so many other ways. It's taught me, for example, what it truly means to "earn a living".

I don't know what sorts of circumstances you're laboring under but if any of this resonates then maybe, like me, you're ready to try something different. Don't worry, you don't have to make any radical changes -- in fact, you're encouraged to maintain your present cover.

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HOW COME “COVERT OPERATIVE”?

Cop Sees ESP on Way To All Police Departments

By WILLIAM McFADDEN

In the not too distant future, every police department in the land will have extra-sensory perception consultants, perhaps even extra-sensory perception bureaus, New York Police Lt. John J. Cronin said today.

A veteran of 38 years on the force, he plans to retire Christmas Day, his 64th birthday.

For 18 years—longer than any other man in the history of the department—he headed the Missing Persons Bureau.

"After I retire, I might write a book on ESP," he said. "It has provided much information on police cases that is accurate."

MISSING GIRL

One of the fantastic cases he [illegible] was that of a 10-year-old Baltimore girl who was missing last July.

"A Baltimore police sergeant visited Mrs. Florence Sternfels of Edgewater, N. J., who calls herself a psychometrist. On her advice, when he got back to Baltimore he dug in a neighbor's cellar. The body of the girl was found two feet

LT. J. J. CRONIN
ESP in Police Work?
Journal-American Photo by [illegible]

"Once it is gotten into scientific shape, it will [illegible]

You can use “secret agent” if it sounds better.

Either way, you’re obviously not your name, body, clothes, jobs, or hobbies. You're not even your experiences or memories. These are part of the cover identity that you wear, equipment that you use, and knowledge that you employ. They may be expressions or partial reflections of you, maybe things you gravitate towards, but ultimately they’re not you.

I would venture to say that anything you can lose isn't you, just something you might miss. At the same time, your life appears to have a purpose, a meaning -- a mission -- but it seems to be a mystery. Maybe it can be called a secret but either way, how does any of this help?

You have to trust me on this for the moment but there's a good amount of evidence that you can recover this information and (re)discover some nifty hidden skills in the process. Moreover, the information's secret nature points to a surprisingly appropriate and sometimes cool lexicon of espionage terms, like "modus operandi", that provide useful directions on how to proceed.

Historically the best way to do this would be in seclusion but that's not always possible, so the next best approach is secrecy. The idea is not necessarily to hide what you're up to but rather to protect it. Not advertising it is the best way to do this but if you're confronted directly then consider deflecting or fibbing. If that fails, try recruiting your interlocutor(s) and swearing them to secrecy.

Once you try it on for size you may discover that sub rosa is how you're best suited to operate and, perhaps increasingly these days, the best option (on account of that dystopia thing).

Having a good cover identity (given name, actual date of birth, provable education, demonstrable skills, corroborated life history, etc.) is extremely useful in day-to-day operations, and you've probably done a great job in backstopping it, but I think you'll find that it's more reassuring to know that there's something more extensive and capable underneath.

At this point you may be wondering what an agent/operative actually does when working with the org. Other than remaining clandestine, I can't say exactly. All I can say is that the org provides training, material support, intel, and assigns missions. So, as an agent, the logical first step is to get in touch with it.

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SURVEILLANCE

You're standing on a busy street corner with a friend. You're both looking at the same scene. Your friend doesn't notice anything unusual, just dense traffic and pedestrians. You, on the other hand, are noting some suspicious activity.

You’re both seeing exactly the same thing but one of you is seeing a lot more.

The difference between you and your buddy is that you’ve spent the last month surveilling the area while they haven’t. You’ve seen some of these cars before and have observed their odd driving patterns. You’ve watched some of the people in those cars and followed their strange encounters. This is your friend’s first time seeing any of this so, naturally, they don’t notice anything amiss.

This might seem obvious but an important component in running proper surveillance is paying attention and using notes (or memory). Gathering accurate intel requires holistically scanning the environment, meaning the more sensory input the better, and that means not distracting yourself with analysis. Being consciously absent from your surroundings is the opposite of what an agent wants. If something pops into your head or a feeling arises, treat it like any other observation: make a note and move on.

Some people call this “living in the moment” but in my humble opinion this is a flaky phrase because it lacks a clear and immediate mission objective. For me the primary target was to learn to communicate effectively with the org, to pick up on and understand some of its signals. I’m not going to presume that your objective is the same but the resultant ability is useful, even if it’s just a side-effect.

I also can’t tell you what you’re going to experience when it comes to signals, or how long it will take before you do. For me, meaningful observations (a.k.a. blatant synchronicities) started to jump out of the

fabric of reality after a few days. They were many and they weren't always subtle or mild. I'm still assessing some of them years after the fact but many have turned out to contain immensely useful intel.

Had I tried to constrain my observations with analysis in the moment, to narrow my focus in anticipation of something specific, there's a good chance I might've missed some crucial pieces. Undoubtedly analysis is an important part of the process, as is sometimes taking action, but these come after observation.

Similarly, it's important not to get hung up on one or two desired modes of input. For example, if you fancy yourself a "feeling" person you might be excluding a much more useful and accurate input modality. This might be tough to hear but being a secret agent isn't always about what you like. Don't waste your time wishing that something would work when you could be using something that actually does.

In practicing surveillance I've found that regular but randomly-timed alarms on my mobile device helped me to stay vigilant throughout the day. It's kind of like getting whacked with a keisaku in Zen. Eventually the practice becomes second nature and the stick an unnecessary crutch.

It should be noted that some org signals span multiple days, weeks, or longer, and often don't appear at regular intervals (standard tradecraft). Just the other day I got a follow-up on a signal I received years ago. Definitely worth the wait but it demonstrated to me that keeping a journal of dates, times, observations, and connecting results is probably a good idea. After you've put in some solid surveillance you can review the record

to see what emerges. The patterns may be odd and unexpected but they should be obvious and meaningful, profound even. If not, securely archive them -- it may simply be too early.

The org's material vocabulary is vast and may include text, imagery, color, touch, sound, objects, motion, thoughts, dreams, bodily sensations, physical reactions, and even emotions. As metioned, you might get communications suddenly and in one go, you might get them in slow and irregular drips. Sometimes they're brutally literal and direct, sometimes vague and ephemeral. And often they contain multiple simultaneous messages that may not all be immediately visible.

If you'll permit me to geek out a bit, I would nutshell this as a multi-modal code that may contain layers of parametric encryption. The decryption parameter(s) might include things like simple the passage of time, being in certain situations, meeting certain people, performing certain actions, having a certain mental state, gaining certain knowledge, etc.

To complicate matters, the org's communications are by their nature easy to overlook. Given some of what I said earlier, this statement might sound a bit paradoxical but consider that this may simply be a matter of perspective, like that of you and your friend as the two of you are watching traffic. The "meaning" of objects and events is not objectively found anywhere in their existence. Yet there they are, doing nothing but existing while at the same time signalling covert yet simultaneously blatant intel to anyone with a little awareness.

Of course that doesn't mean that every perceived meaning is "correct" or "useful" for everyone, everywhere, in every situation, but that's to be expected. Operating in this material reality I'm obliged to be pragmatic so my first question would be: does it produce useful results for me?

I think you already know my answer.

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UNPACKING

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Emigre Tells of Research in Soviet In Parapsychology for Military Use

By FLORA LEWIS
Special to The New York Times

PARIS, June 18—An emigre Soviet physicist says that the Soviet Union has been doing secret work in parapsychology, for what appear to be military and police purposes.

The Soviet emigre, August Stern, who now lives in Paris, spent three years in a secret Siberian laboratory in the late 1960's trying to find a physical basis for psychic energy, or "psi particles," as they are called.

Moscow's interest in the subject was demonstrated in the case of Robert C. Toth, a correspondent of The Los Angeles Times, who was interrogated this week in Moscow by the K.G.B., the security police, and was accused of having received "state secrets" about parapsychology. He was allowed to leave for home after protests by the United States Government.

[In Washington, officials said the intelligence community was aware of Soviet research in parapsychology, but added that American specialists did not believe the Russians had made any unusual discoveries. One official said some Soviet work appeared aimed at developing psychological warfare methods.]

The Toth incident had the earmarks of an entrapment, in the view of some diplomats. There is no sign that the 25-page document on parapsychology handed to him on the street just before he was seized contained important information. However, there is a record of Soviet sensitivity and August Stern's information indicates that parapsychology is a matter of concern to the authorities.

Mr. Stern is a son of Dr. Mikhail Stern, an endocrinologist who was imprisoned before being allowed to leave the Soviet Union in March. August Stern said he was told before leaving the Soviet Union two years ago that an even more secret laboratory than the one he knew in Siberia had been set up in Moscow under the direction of the K.G.B.

A French scientist and former intelligence agent, Jacques Bergier, has written a book saying that extrasensory perception, one of the theories studied by parapsychology, may be used in espionage, thought control, surveillance and as a form of weapon.

Parapsychology covers four specific fields of nonphysical phenomena. They are telepathy (transmission of thought without use of the senses), extrasensory perception, telekinesis (transmission of motion without any evident use of physical energy) and clairvoyance (the ability to see distant or future events without physical intervention).

Most scientists remain skeptical that such phenomena actually exist, but there are researchers throughout the world dedicated to proving and, if possible, explaining them.

Formal, officially subsidized Soviet research in the field has gone on for years, sometimes publicly vaunted and at other times denounced and even denied.

U.S. Navy Was Interested in 1950's

At one time in the late 1950's and early 1960's, the United States Navy and the Stanford Research Institute did experiments in telepathy to see whether it could provide an undetectable means of communicating with submarines. So far as is known, the experiments failed. But owrd of them reached Moscow and apparently provoked high-level interest in the subject.

Associated Press

Robert C. Toth, Los Angeles Times correspondent, in London yesterday.

In reading the Exegesis I was introduced to the word “anamnesis”, which simply means remembering something you’ve forgotten. It’s like going to a party and meeting someone who describes some incident that happened many years ago. At first you really have no idea what they’re talking about but as they fill out the details you suddenly get that “oh, right!” moment. To me it feels very similar to when I finally understand something, the moment that an idea finally clicks.

I often got that feeling as I forged ahead with my reading. Many “new” realizations felt like recovered memories, sometimes to the point of allowing me skip ahead a page or two. When I verified that my “recollection” of these pages was generally correct, I suspected that I may have already learned them, or something like them, and simply forgotten. But I was sure I’d remember reading a thick-ass book like this before.

Not knowing (or possibly knowing exactly) how to proceed, I decided to make a list of memorable life experiences; my first dossier.

I took my time, took notes when I remembered, took objects aside when they reminded me, and ended up with a good assemblage of items. They included where I’d lived and traveled, the skills I’d acquired, the stuff I’d gotten, the people I’d met, the things I’d seen, the doins I’d done, etc. Stuff that really stood out in my memories, even weird and paranormal experiences.

Upon re-reading this collection I was struck by its espionage-y resonance. There was eastern Europe from behind the Iron Curtain, the nighttime escape via steamy and starkly-lit train stations, fog and rain and border guards with machine guns, intrigue, tension, subterfuge; it was all there.

I began to wonder if maybe my life had just been a series of experiential training exercises. I do seem to have acquired some useful skills and knowledge in the process. Maybe it took a little prodding but maybe that had been the intent all along, and I’d simply forgotten who and what I was. In fact, the more I let it percolate, the more correct it sounded: I’d been living my life believing myself to be my cover identity.

Let me preempt the previous paragraphs by saying that I'm not a fan of the Bourne movies and I'd never read Ludlum. Bond can be entertaining but ridiculous. Real world (mundane) spies seem like sleazy jerks working for even sleazier jerks, and everything else seems like a bad rehash.

It wasn't something I aspired to. I had other desires for my life, most of which (thankfully) never materialized. In fact, the secret agent nature of my loosely assembled curriculum vitae came as a surprise and I wasn't sure what the implications were. I wondered if I would've come to a different conclusion had the circumstances of my life been different.

But after some more thought I further concluded that, nah, the memories are just window dressing and maybe even a distraction. In fact, the more "humble" and "grey" and "boring" the backstory, the better the cover -- tradecraft 101. Regardless, truly useful agent skills can be acquired by nearly anyone, nearly anywhere, for nearly nothing.

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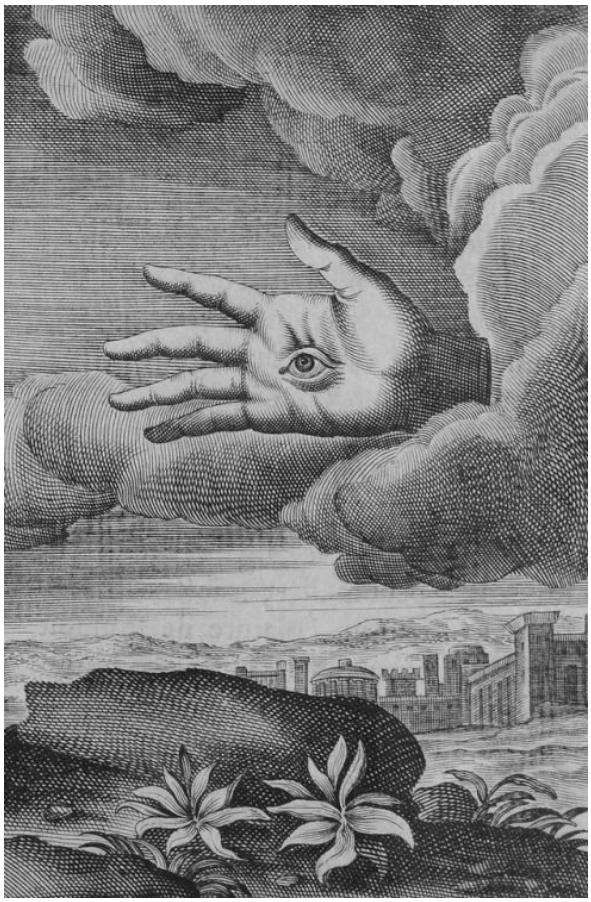

By now you may be curious about some practical techniques and technologies that agents can employ in the field.

Probably the simplest and most popular technique is meditation. I have to trust that it's effective because it's never appealed to me. I use another tool: binaural beats. Plenty is written on the subject so I won't repeat it here except to say that I found beat frequencies below 10 Hz to be most effective.

There are many recordings out there but none of them worked for me as well as pure sinusoidal waves, preferably generated for as long as I want. Ionic Research Lab's "Agent Field Kit" does a good job and it's got a synchronized strobe and haptic buzz on mobile devices, which can greatly enhance the efficacy. If staring at the strobe is a bit too much, consider taking the device into a darkened room and pointing the screen at the ceiling or walls instead. It also makes a great light source for ganzfeld applications because the oscillating colors can be adjusted.

Another section of the software has something called "Spot Situational Analysis" (SSA), which requires you to enter up to 5 things to be reminded of; questions to ask yourself, things to remain aware of, reminders to oneself -- anything you'd like to make more habitual in your thinking or actions. The software is then supposed to go off at random intervals within a time specified range, at which point you have to manually click on each of the items as you acknowledge / review / answer them. I say "supposed to" because sometimes the alarms don't go off.

Because I'm sure that the topic of drugs and similar substances will come up, I can only say that I acknowledge why it's such a thorny issue. On the one hand, there are many people who have had profound and life-altering experiences on them. On the other hand, I've known people for whom drugs were devastating. Lives got messed up and as much as it's a cliche, the lives of the people around them got involuntarily caught up in the whirlwind. The best I can do is to advise: caveat emptor.

Similarly, I need to include a warning about Intra-Missions (like "intermissions", as in taking breaks) because they have an obvious element

of danger. I can't recommend taking this approach but if you insist then please consult a reputable physician first.

With that said, the typical objective of an Intra-Mission is to retrieve intel. Because the source of the intel is transmundane, so too must be the modus operandi.

I would designate stretches of the hottest and most humid days of the summer as "Intra-Mission runs". Here's how a typical day in a run might go:

1. I would (try) to spend most of the day focused on my intent, the mission objective: what I wanted to know or learn. The "Field Kit" was useful for this (when the alarms worked).
2. About an hour prior to midnight I would take a long, hot shower and finish it off by downing an energy drink or two.
3. I would then position myself in front of the exhaust of an air conditioner so that I could still keep writing while maximizing my exposure to the heat.
4. I would put on headphones and add binaural beats into the mix while keeping a small visual strobe window open on my laptop's screen, just enough to allow the pulsing light into my field of vision as I worked.
5. I would typically just melt like this for 20 to 30 minutes before opening up my dream journal and flipping through it. One may not always be available so as an alternative even half-remembered dreams can make good tethers for a mission. Memories of mystical experiences, and especially associated feelings, may also do in a pinch. I had the benefit of numerous entries so I would peruse my

journal while finishing off a joint, or at least until I hit on something that made me put it down.

6. At this point I would simply record what came into my awareness. Sometimes it was something in my physical environment so I'd describe it. Sometimes I'd hear a conversation so I'd transcribe it. Sometimes there'd be a mesmerizing scent in the air so I'd try to capture it. Sometimes it'd be a visual that would flash in front of my inner eyes, the ones with which I imagine and dream. Much of it didn't happen in the physical world. It was more liminal, a shifting mix of dream overlaying material reality. I would advise against editing or revising the record of such raw intel because sometimes "mistakes" or "sensitive details" can turn out to be useful. If you consider sharing it with others then you can always redact or revise before you release.

Sometimes these sessions extended into the dawn but usually I'd end shortly before 4 a.m. As much as I was pleased with the results, needless to say, I was happy to take some time off afterward. This might be excessive for most agents' regular use but I had specific objectives in mind. Either way, I found that when starting out it was was mutually enhancing to combine these techniques with surveillance, because intel can come in at any time.

The point of Intra-Missions is to temporarily isolate the consciousness from the body and mind and to try to record what's observed. There are lighter options, as initially described, and I'm sure that someone can top the physical challenge of Intra-Missions without working up a sweat. I

can’t prescribe which approach is best for you except to say that whatever gets you there is the right way.

But learning how to get good (meaningful) and useful (actionable) intel is just one of the aspects of being a covert operative. Another is engaging in numerous, sometimes drudgerous daily operations in the physical world. It just comes with the territory. You don’t have to like them but as with most things, repeated exposure will teach you to make short work of them. It might even be necessary for you to learn to do so. The organization may also provide a solution, thereby making even this short work unnecessary.

As cool as movies might make them seem, the tools and techniques of fictional spycraft are usually of little use to covert operatives. Not only is violence problematic on a moral level but it’s rarely covert, and therefore undesirable. Guns, no thanks. Knives, nope. Fists, only to shake at people.

Sure agents can take self-defense courses and probably gain some resulting health benefits; nothing wrong with that. And learning how to hit targets or throw a knife could be fun, but I don’t see this type of training as being very useful. Do you truly encounter physical violence that often?

An agent has to be pragmatic and most of the time this means interacting with other people. A smile, a little personality, and a dash of wit -- a combo known as “charm” -- is much more likely to be a useful addition to the agent’s arsenal, as opposed to something like a projectile weapon. Instead of arming yourself, disarm them!

Studying the target and maybe compiling a dossier on them may be a good idea too. If you misunderstood what being a secret agent entails and are feeling icky about “spying”, understand that you’re (hopefully) not using it for blackmail or extortion, all you’re doing is building a more holistic picture.

As an agent it should come as no surprise that people put on fronts. However, a little persistent observation followed by a thorough analysis can help us to peek behind them. Often the truth is hidden in the patterns that people generate over time. You’ll probably want to keep such information secret, secure, and only for as long as you need it. I suspect that with a good memory the need for a physical dossier could be dispensed with altogether but, regardless, at the end of the day it’s just another form of surveillance.

If this all seems like a little too much subterfuge for you, allow to me assuage you with the sage advice of some pretty solid people. To begin with, before sending his agents out into the field a fellow by the name of Jesus admonished them to be, “as crafty as serpents”, as long as they remained “as innocent as doves”. Another guy named Siddhartha Gautama had a similar four-point plan for winning over recruits and influencing allies. There was even an old-timer going by Lao Tsu who’s on record as stating that, “The great generals are not warlike. The great warriors do not get angry. Those who are good at defeating enemies do not engage them.”

They all seemed to have pretty high clearance so I’m taking their lead on this one.

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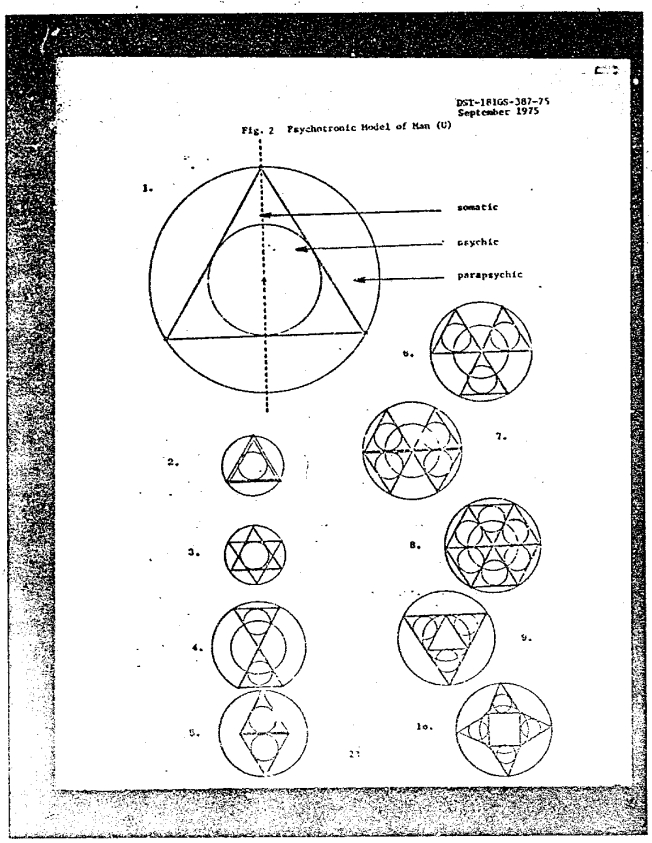

There exist a number of other less risky techniques that fledgling agents can avail themselves of. In many ways I consider these to be training wheels but I do so with the full admission that I haven't entirely taken mine off yet.

I also don't want to imply that this is a comprehensive list, only that it provides a working foundation in the absence of something more effective. I would encourage every agent to share their own *effective* operational m.o. with others working within the organization.

And effective is what we're after. An agent can't afford to muck about with hope, wishful thinking, delusion, or just straight up lies. For this reason, I once again stress not spending too much time on any technique that isn't producing results. Similarly, getting attached to a previously (but no longer) productive technique can stifle progress.

With that in mind I'll open with something called "tactical thaumaturgy".

The word "tactical" implies the use of tactics, or plans based on experience, intel, and inspiration to outmanoeuvre the enemy. Often this word is associated with military applications and while I'm not shilling for the army I must admit that the word, like so much espionage terminology, holds weight.

The military is historically often the primary source of intelligence gathering operations for nation states and military discipline shares some traits with "spiritual" disciplines. Both soldier and monk must endure asceticism and defacement of their egos. In the process some of them discover inner strengths. And they both shave their heads.

Thaumaturgy implies an uncertain mixture of sorcery or witchcraft ("magick"), and miraculous or divine works. It blurs the line between the conjurer and the conjured, creating an uncertainty about whether or not it was the person creating the effect or some other entity doing the heavy lifting (or both?) Making this distinction may help to improve the technique's efficacy but, being pragmatic, an agent should first concern themselves with whether or not it's effective to begin with.

Like, does it actually work?

This requires brutal honesty, which is why I often stress that being an agent isn't all about approving smiles and friendly sunshine. You might have to get downright murderous with your preconceptions and beliefs.

When working with the organization, the "tactical" aspect is accounted for through the use of a "Requisition Form". It's typically a standard 8.5x11 printed form that appears official and important, because it is.

In the corner is the organization's logo since it's under its auspices that the request is being filed. Next to that are fields for the date and time as well as a unique requisition identifier so you can file and track the request. Code names, numbers, and even symbols are suitable here but it's important to use a unique one with every request.

Below this field is an extended area where the requisition is summed up in as few words as possible. It cannot be understated that brevity is key. By employing short and broad language we're making it more likely that a response will land. The organization does its best but it's still mostly operating within the confines of the material world.

For example, a request for a $50 bill to appear on your front doorstep within the next 24 hours is unlikely to be fulfilled. It's very specific and narrow. To open it up a little, consider "as soon as possible" and leave out the location. Does it have to be a single bill? Does it need to be physical money? Also think about what it's to be used for and maybe request that

instead. The less specific you can make it, without making it too vague, the better.

Another way to look at it is to consider how feasible it would be for you to fulfill the request yourself. You're probably filling out the form because you believe that you can't, but if you had to rank the options -- if you were forced to -- which one would seem the most plausible? And keep in mind that you're in control of the options, meaning that you can add new ones.

If it seems like all you're doing is priming your subliminal mind to guide you toward your objective then it seems prudent to give it the best possible chance at succeeding. Open up the range of options and be open to solutions that effectively address the problem, even if those options fall outside of that initial range. While you have to be specific about the outcome that you're requesting, you shouldn't be expecting any specific path to its fulfillment.

With this out of the way, all you need to do to complete the form and give it an "official" stamp by producing a sigil in the designated area. There are plenty of tips on how to do this in manuals on chaos magick but the product really doesn't matter as long as the sigil is a unique representation of the request. A few squiggles are sufficient if they evoke the contents of the requisition within your mind. It's perfectly acceptable -- and recommended -- to go back and revise until everything is & feels comfortable. Take your time with it and imbue it with the importance and gravitas it deserves.

Once you've given some attention to the requisition, all you need to do is to impart it with a little energy. This can involve any activity that's thrilling or even a little scary, like orgasms or roller coasters.

It might take a bit of practice but right at the point of highest excitement, focus on the sigil. You may note that in such moments it's a lot easier to focus on a symbol as opposed to writing, hence the sigil, and why it should be pre-imprinted with meaning.

The rest of the Requisition Form is mostly for your own records. In fact, the form is more or less just a formality and if you can visualize a simplified but meaningful sigil at the right moment, you don't need to have it on hand. At some point it may even be possible to dispense with the whole page altogether, just "fill out the form" in your mind.

After this the physical Requisition Form can be destroyed or, preferably, securely filed so that you can follow up. I no longer keep such records but when I did they made for reassuring reading.

Again, this may all just be a psychosomatic trick involving subliminal priming but if it works, who cares? Similarly, oracles may just be some aspect of our inner minds as opposed to contact with "the beyond". I leave the theory to others, I'm more interested in what I can use, *effectively*, in the field today.

There are numerous, practical oracles that an agent can make use of. If they don't produce any results then they're not very practical so I would advise against getting too attached.

The first oracle that I found to be useful was bibliomancy.

In bibliomancy a book is used to gain deeper intel – get answers, insights, guidance, etc. Often holy or sacred books are used for this and from my observation they tend to lend themselves very well to this purpose. Not only are they filled with advice and guidance but they're often re-read many times over. In the context of the subliminal connection, such books provide an ample, varied, known, and many times emotionally-charged foundation from which our "deeper self" can draw.

That being said, using completely unfamiliar and unread books can sometimes produce fantastic intel too. Moreover, they may provide hints that the subliminal may not be the only thing involved. Your local library or book store is a great (and free) way to get your hands on this resource.

Having found success using both types of books I can only recommend experimentation. The important thing is, does it work?

Generally speaking, the chosen book should be larger so as to provide ample "source material" for the oracular operation. However, even this isn't always a set-in-stone rule, just a rule of thumb.

I typically start a session by focusing my intent on the request. If you meditate, this intent can become your singular point of focus. At least, I'm assuming that's how it works because I don't meditate. I usually do about 10 minutes of a sub-10Hz binaural beat while focusing. As I relax and follow

the beat, I allow the focus to ease up and the intent to dissolve so that by the time I pick up the book I've pretty much forgotten about it.

Forgetting seems to be a requirement that I've come across numerous times in the organization's literature on the topic. My theory here is that once we make the request, it can't be guided or controlled or manipulated by our consciousness -- otherwise *we're* doing it. So it would seem that the best way to relinquish control is to temporarily forget about it, to get it out from in front of our consciousness.

But I digress.

Continuing the operation I'll flip through the book a few times, ensuring that I can't see what I'm doing. I'll count down from my favorite number as I alternate hands, flipping through the pages. If it feels better to favor one hand over the other, that's not a problem.

When I finish counting, I open up the page on which I've stopped and, still averting my eyes, run my thumb and index finger up and down the paragraphs until I feel like I'm holding one. At that point I look to see what I'm pinching.

Sometimes I find that my fingers land in the middle of a long paragraph or on an empty page so I repeat the procedure. If after three or four tries I'm still not getting anything I pack it up for the time being. If, however, I find that my thumb and finger exactly enclose a single sentence or paragraph, I pay particularly close attention. Often the paragraphs in the surrounding vicinity are relevant too.

Other types of oracles that I make use of regularly are apantomancy and transataumancy. I usually pair these because they involve simply paying attention to environmental cues and unintentionally overheard conversations, broadcasts, and so on. If this sounds like surveillance that's because it is. The main difference is that here you're making a focused request prior to getting in the field, by which I mean consciously exposing yourself to the mundane / material / physical world.

As with my previous warning, one very important caveat when using oracles is not to assume that you'll always receive an answer, or that the answer will be correct, or even that it'll be meaningful. Oracles shouldn't be assumed to be faultless and agents should always be skeptical. Accuracy should be measured, not assumed. To borrow a phrase from the world of cryptography: don't trust, verify.

There are other types of oracles that an agent could use but these tend to require equipment or practices that are less practical and, if you ask me, sometimes questionable. Tarot cards require a stable surface and are limited to 78 symbols. That's a little too vague for my needs (but maybe that's just me). Pendulums are great if your intent is simple. Once you start to divide the outer swing radius into more than two options you once again start running into ambiguity. Binary's a perfectly fine base but it requires at least a few digits to be useful for anything more than a light switch. And reading animal entrails? No thanks.

I haven't found a single report of any animal being harmed or even made slightly upset by remote viewing and with my own experience, it's another m.o. I would recommend investigating.

Remote viewing is another one of those topics that is extensively covered in the literature and as with most approaches, I can't predict which modern (or "classical") approach will work best for you. The best I can do is to advise that most of the research coming out of the Stargate Project is a great place to start. With the backing of the Stanford Research Institute (SRI), the US Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and other sizeable government / moneyed entities, we can surmise that numerous reputable people (or people with reputations to uphold), who signed off on it yearly (for over twenty years), saw some utility in it.

Reading the Wikipedia entry on Stargate one might come to the conclusion that the Project was shut down because it wasn't yielding results. Reading the report that "put the nail in the coffin" of the Stargate Project ("An Evaluation of Remote Viewing: Research and Applications", September 29, 1995, Michael D. Mumford, Andrew M. Rose, David A. Goslin), I came away with a very different understanding. I urge you to read it for yourself but in my view, "we can't be sure that there isn't some other variable at play here" is not a convincing argument for "it doesn't exist."

But why abandon something to "experts" when it's so easy to try for yourself?

When is comes to psychic abilities (psi), it appears that almost everyone is above average (random chance), but some people seem to be better even than that. It's also been suggested that as with any natural abilities, with study and practice we can improve most of them.

For example, during my research I've noted more than once that the positive evidence for telepathy, the ability to exchange information between two minds without any seeming physical interaction, seems to be statistically higher among family and close friends. The inference is that there's a close bond based on experience, and therefore an ability to correctly guess what the other party would be thinking under controlled circumstances.

It's also been suggested that precognition, the ability to *know* something before it happens, is simply a sending of information *backward in time*, from ourselves, to ourselves. So if a close bond ups our chances of being successful then who better to predict what we'll be thinking tomorrow than us today? And what if our future selves were to actively participate in sending that known information back to our past selves?

I ran a few experiments into these questions and the results were deeply satisfying. Nothing as specific as lottery numbers but worth a million in prizes. It's easily another m.o. I'd recommend.

But maybe this type of thing does nothing for you. Maybe you'd like to try out something concrete, like psychokinesis, the ability to move physical objects with just the mind.

I gave it a whirl using a psi wheel and got a little giddy when I discovered that I could control it, slowly but successfully changing its direction numerous times. It wasn't that I was instructing it to "change direction". Rather, I was coaxing the feeling of energy in my hands, a mixture I perceived as heat and electricity, to cycle in the opposite direction.

But maybe I was making tiny adjustments to my hands and actually manipulating the micro-currents of warm air they generate, so I put the psi wheel under glass. Then I moved it from a couple of feet away from me.

While I don't imagine I'll be using my psychokinetic powers to create invisible force fields any time soon, I can comfortably say that based on my experiences I would encourage further investigation.

Similarly, I would encourage any agent to try out as many transmundane modus operandi as possible, as long as they're feasible and acceptable. By this I mean that I already made my position on animal entrails clear and of course you're entitled to your own limits.

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EARNING A LIVING

Is money the goal? I'm not judging but unless you get off on rolling around on forgery-resistant strips of plastic or nostalgic cotton/linen blends, maybe the goal should be the things that money can buy. No?

I know, it's still a materialistic outlook but shifting the narrative just a little bit can help to dig a bit deeper, maybe get a little clarity (clearance). It's not an abandonment or denial of desires, it's simply the establishment of a more direct connection to them; a *getting to know them a little better*.

If we're concerned about how we're going to survive as agents, we can expect the agency to provide *some* material support. I mean that in the same way that rain clouds can be expected to provide water for plants and animals. Sometimes there's a drought and sometimes there's a flood but in my own experience, most of the time it's just about right. I know that sounds awfully vague but there's a level of trust that has to be established. As an agent of many years, the most I can say is that it's *more than* possible.

And, of course, these days clouds can be seeded and agents can also consciously manipulate water (or acquire things) without org assistance. Go on, pour yourself a glass. If you consider the complexity of all of the quantum interactions that you're able to marshal just to make that happen, it may indicate a little more depth to you than your physical brain can logically encompass. Yet there you are anyway, sipping on that refreshing liquid and maybe even reading at the same time.

It seems to me that Jung was right when he said, "That which we do not bring to consciousness appears in our lives as fate." As I started out saying, I certainly haven't got everything figured out, and I'm no Jungian scholar, but my take on this quote is that when you and fate become BFFs … look out!

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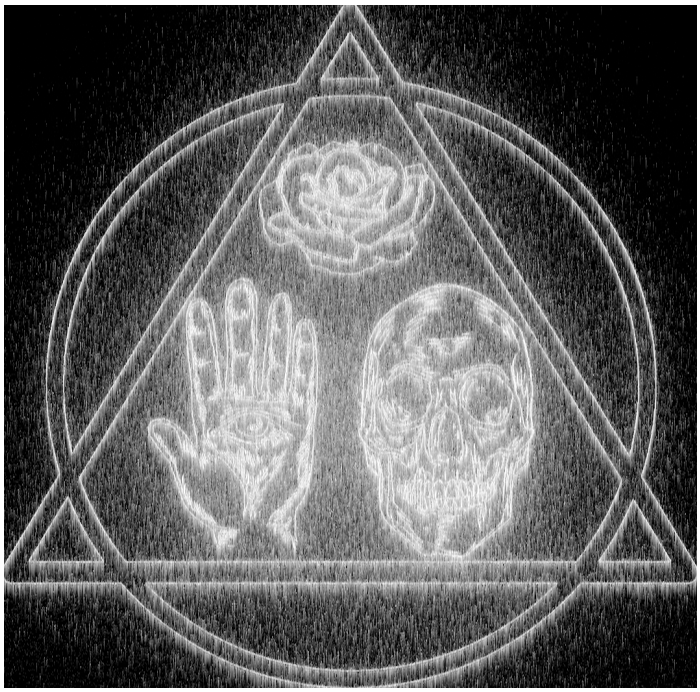
CLEARANCE



Here's another double entendre from the lexicon of spy speak, a word that means having access to greater, deeper, more important, and more relevant secrets.

In the context of the org it means exactly the same thing, except that those secrets include internal ones. A very similar m.o. is used to get at them, namely: observation, recording, and analysis. Nothing exceptional, just surveillance turned inward.

Some of the intel might not seem to have any uses but some of it may provide insights that translate into actionable items.

I don't know how high the clearance goes but I but I know that at each step it's up to the agent to make intel operational, to make manifest its physical agency. This might sound a little woo woo but it just means enlisting the body, and any other skills or abilities, as operational tools.

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THE ORGANIZATION

There are many things I won't tell you about the org, either because I simply don't know, or because I can't.

But I will say, as Phil Dick so beautifully put it, that the organization is "an organizing principle". It's a focal point for queries and requisitions of a psi-espionage nature. It provides intel for, and is principally operated by, agents. This is why full-time agents can be correctly called operatives, although this label is a bit slippery. Maybe "agent-operative" is a more useful descriptor.

The organization receives continuous guidance and supervision from "higher up(s)" and it's seen numerous iterations throughout history under various names and guises. With a few modern bells and whistles you've got the current version but if the history of secret societies and mystery schools is any indicator, the org is simply another iteration in a long and illustrious lineage.

Something so secret probably can't be seen directly, or maybe only with really high clearance, but it can certainly be known by the expression of its nature. Naturally, that includes manifestations in physical/material reality.

The nearest description I can produce of the org is maybe that of a transmundane tulpa or possibly a disembodied nirmanakaya, existing on the liminal boundary between "reality" and the what's beyond, an active gateway assisting agents and operatives to thwart the machinations of Central Control (more on this later).

It's also just a front, similar to an agent's cover identity. Whatever can be perceived of the org is either an illusion, a misdirection, or incomplete, so relying too much on names or symbols and other mundane interfaces is, in the long term, not the best strategy.

In dystopian times truth gets covered over in much the same way. Without engaging in org m.o. (or analogues) to peel away these obfuscating layers, people are left more vulnerable to lies, misdirections, and manipulations.

There's an implicit understanding that agents exist in a potentially deceptive physical/material reality so having innate access to an ability like discernment is extremely useful. At the end of the day operatives are required to call their own shots (a.k.a. free will), and while mistakes will be made, if they're made in good faith and properly addressed then they're just mistakes. Anything else is Central Control territory.

I suppose that to some, this makes the org "evil" or "criminal" or "dangerous". Questioning higher human "Authority" in dystopian times is,

after all, an increasingly insidious and illegal act, in some circles considered immoral and/or unethical.

Some skeptics may even be tempted to use words like “pathological” but they’ll be hard-pressed to describe the negative outcomes of working with the org. They’ll have similar problems describing concrete outcomes as “delusional”. And after a few demonstrations adjectives like “lucky” may be discarded as well.

Nevertheless, these are just a few more reasons why maintaining secrecy from the get-go is a good idea. Do you need that kind of distraction in your life? An agent should make good friends with “Need To Know” and “Plausible Deniability”. Tradecraft is best practised in the shadows and a bunch of old books back this up.

After noting this and similar precautions mentioned in the first part of this series, accessing the organization is straightforward:

1. Becoming a recruit means simply taking an active interest, reading the introductory material, asking questions, etc.
2. Becoming an agent means putting that curiosity into practice. If at that point an agent is getting really good results, it’s requested that they consider adding to the extant corpus of Transmundane training manuals. And then keep going.
3. Agents will know if they’re Operative when they’re clocking regular overtime and the org drops a juicy op or two into their lap. Vacation’s over at that point but at least the party’s just getting started.

Involvement is at all times voluntary and agents can always freelance but I've found that working with the organization has excellent benefits. For example, requisitions for reasonable material assistance are usually fulfilled and the access to useful intel is unparalleled. At times this information translates into what some people would call precognition, which can be fun, but it also adds context, which is way more useful.

But if it's not precognition, there's a good chance that an agent has access to something else. They may have access to multiple abilities which may wane or wax over time. While I don't do it myself I imagine it might be fun to run a test gauntlet every so often, make a "psi weekend" of it. Agents should learn their limits, not impose them.

If I'm making it sound like working with the org is awesome, that's because it is.

Just this morning, someone who had recently experienced examples of my ostensibly dubious "stories" asked me how I can stand to live such a tumultuous and unsettling life. I had to stop and think about it because I genuinely wasn't sure what she was talking about.

I suppose my life hasn't necessarily become easier, just differently challenging. But now I deal with it so much more effectively and satisfyingly. In hindsight I should've replied, "Oh, that's before breakfast," which happened to be true, but the best I could muster was, "Uh, well, you know, it's not so bad."

My one-liners clearly need some work but at least I was left with the impression that leaving the other person wondering how you do it is a good thing. She's still a bit shaken but hopefully I left her stirred. *sips martini*

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CENTRAL CONTROL

Violence, threats either implicit or explicit, and other coercive tactics intended to dominate or control are some of the telltale signs that you may be dealing with Central Control.

I didn't include lies and misdirections in there because they're a bit of a grey area. Even that Jesus fellow, as he was sending his agents into the field, is said to have instructed them to, "be as shrewd as serpents", as long as they remained, "as pure as doves". Guy was on to something.

Like the org, Central doesn't have a singular point of reference so going by names or symbols isn't reliable. Better to think of it as an adjective. It's identified by its manifestations and they tend to be very materialistic, both in the greedy sense and in the staunch belief that physical/material reality is where it's at.

Of course there's always an "Authority" in all of this, sitting atop a pile of experts who in turn sit atop a group of servile Centralites, the operational organs of Central Control. Some Centralites are cowed, some have given up, and some perform their functions with zest. Some of them are outright dangerous. Some of them can be turned.

If you prefer getting deistic about it, The Authority is pretty devilish, or at the very least one of his heavy hitters. It's certainly not loving or benign, despite sometimes appearing so.

To be a little less theistic, in the real world there are plenty of organizations/groups/people that use Central Control's m.o. Since looks can be easily deceiving it's important to consider that each new encounter may be a platypus, but if it quacks like a duck…

When you stop to really think about it, the breadth and width of Central Control around the globe today is astonishing, frightening, and just a little bit dystopian.

It's as if we're living in a world in which shadowy James Bond villains have succeeded in taking over and now they're mostly just competing against each other. Maybe that's not true and there's actually a secret cabal like SPECTRE coordinating the whole thing for some diabolical purposes – seems thematically correct but unfortunately I have no reliable intel on this.

Whatever the case, if you're already living in a futuristic dystopian spy novel … etc.

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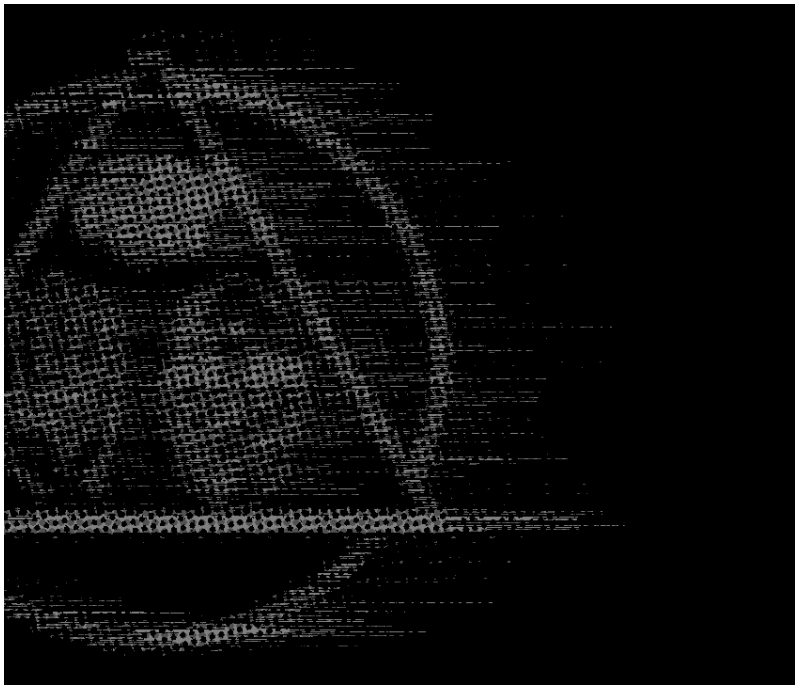
A FEW CLOSING WORDS



If you'd told me that I'd be living this life 20 years ago I would've called you a filthy fucking liar – but I might ask for details, just in case.

Today I know better.

That knowledge includes the understanding that proper skepticism and a healthy irreverence are necessary traits of any good agent. After all, blindly believing and obeying what you're told by your fellow humans are traits that have, in many cases, been proven to produce suffering and destruction. At the very least, doing so often leads to a misled and unsatisfying life. So a little genuine doubt about the (potential) crap that we're exposed to every day is perfectly reasonable, wouldn't you agree?

But if “experts” and “authority” aren’t the ultimate arbiters of truth, who or what is?

Seems to me that since we have the ability, we are tasked to decide this for ourselves.

Skepticism, however, does not mean a priori rejection -- something I’ve been guilty of myself. Unfortunately, the nature of the org is such that having a direct, personal experience is about the only way to prove its existence, and the only way to step over that threshold is to suspend disbelief. Even more unfortunate is the fact that often the best way to enter into that experience is to precede it with another profound and often tragic experience. It’s not a hard-and-fast rule but it seems to be the predominant way – a breakthrough often requires a breakdown.

At least that’s the intel I’m privy to. But to some people this is an opaque secret and although I wouldn’t need to kill them to tell them about it, in a manner of speaking a part of them has to die in order to get it. It can be a brutal process but if you happen to be one of the “dead” right now, even if your death is a slow and soul-quenching one, it’s my sincere hope that these broadcasts of operation “Radio Transmundane” are of some assistance to you.

It may be weird, disorienting, and non-traditional but why not try being part of a for-profit (not necessarily monetarily) secret society of espionage-oriented spiritualists and enthusiasts, open to alternative thinkers and those into spooky, sci-fi, undercover shit?

The world has been in turmoil since humans have been recording history and, undoubtedly, well before that. Attempting to seize control of this process seems like a very Central Control thing to do, and something that's ultimately doomed to (repeated) failure and more turmoil. On the other hand, coming to understand one's own role within the tumult, and then becoming operational with that awareness, seems like the surest way to success. Change yourself and change your world – even if no one knows you did it.

If a metaphor is needed to explain more clearly then please imagine the good ole-fashioned radio -- vacuum tube, transistor, software-defined, or otherwise; they all work on the same physical laws.

Even an ornate 1920s wooden monstrosity with a prominent and clunky tuning knob could receive a number of amplitude modulated stations, all of which could be broadcasting simultaneously. As long as their circuits are functioning and as long as there are some A.M. stations broadcasting, these radio receivers can receive intelligent communications today. They may only contain Morse code but that doesn't mean that the information is any less useful to the intended audience.

Multiple simultaneous radio-frequency signals permeate and affect our "reality" constantly -- that's a well-demonstrated and scientifically established fact. Throw in concepts like time-division multiplexing and even this simple concept can expand into exponential possibilities. Moreover, there are plenty of other discrete frequencies in the

electromagnetic spectrum that can be tuned into, and that's just a narrow window within a theoretically limitless range.

But let's say I'm a simple, old-timey, amplitude-modulated (AM) radio receiver.

If I'm tuned into just one station for a very long time I might come to believe that that's all there is. Maybe I like the line-up, or maybe I don't like what I'm hearing, but either way it's my present "reality". I'm literally not aware of any other possibilities even though they're all around me.

But once I come to understand that I can tune into these other stations then things may begin to shift – noticeably, unnervingly, intriguingly. And when I come to (re)learn that I'm not even the radio but rather in control of it, more or less, even those limits may start to become fuzzy. I may even recognize the obvious fact that I am, to a certain degree, a causal agent within the "frequency" of this particular material/physical "broadcast". In other words, I don't just receive the signal but I actively participate in it -- I'm literally *operative* within it.

I know that some of this may not be entirely relevant your situation at the moment, maybe it's a bit too abstract or cryptic, but if you find even some of the dossier useful then I'll have accomplished the operation's purpose. Gotta start somewhere, amirite?

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